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Press Release

Police Department

Vehicle used as a weapon; injuring a Torrance Police Officer

On June 13, 2009 the Torrance Police Department responded to the area of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor regarding a reckless driver. The vehicle was located shortly before 10 am traveling east on Pacific Coast Highway near the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

The vehicle evaded officers by traversing commercial parking lots and crossing against the traffic controlled intersection. The vehicle continued east on Pacific Coast Highway at a high rate of speed. A marked Torrance Police car was waiting against the north curb, facing west, monitoring the pursuit. The vehicle then crossed over from east bound PCH into the west bound lanes and proceeded head on towards the police car. The driver of the suspect vehicle intentionally struck the waiting police vehicle as the officer made a last second effort to move away from the head-on collision. The suspect vehicle struck the police vehicle at a high rate of speed injuring the officer.

The suspect, who was also seriously injured, was extracted from the vehicle by paramedics and transported to a local hospital for treatment. The Torrance Officer was also transported for treatment of moderate injuries.

The suspect was identified as Marianne Greco, 42 years of age, from Redondo Beach California. Greco was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Police Officer.

This investigation is on-going under the direction Captain David Smith, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Torrance Police Department Detectives Division at 310 618-5570.

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